



WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2014
7:30 pm

Attendance:

| Name | Board/Committee |
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| John McGowan | Open Space |
| Jordan Bires | Open Space |
| Fran McKee | Open Space |
| Kathy Newcomb | Open Space |
| Ruth Schemm | Open Space – Parks & Rec |
| Ivy Ross | Open Space – EAC |
| Sharon Kaszan | Bike and Hike |

1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment – None

4. Reorganization

a. Reorganization:

i. Task Force Co-Chairs: John McGowan and Jordan Bires

1. Nominated by Ruth Schemm
2. Seconded by Kathy Newcomb
3. Vote: unanimous

ii. Task Force Vice-Chair: Ivy Ross

1. Nominated by: Ruth Schemm
2. Seconded by: John McGowan
3. Vote: unanimous

iii. Task Force Secretary: Ruth Schemm

1. Nominated by: Ivy Ross
2. Seconded by: John McGowan
3. Vote: unanimous

b. The members of the task force discussed means of being more effective and increasing communication with the Board of Supervisors. At the next, meeting, The member will look at the calendar of upcoming Board meetings and Planning Department meetings to coordinate attendance by at least one member of the Task Force.

5. Old Business

a. Fran McKee said that she needed comments on an exhibit she proposed for open space.

6. New Business

a. Discussion of the February 24 Environmental Finance Center Meetings: Roy Rieder stated that he had met with Monica Billig of the EFC to answer questions. They had discussed the Powerline Trail and efforts to improve stormwater management. She also met with Barry Luber to discuss financing.

b. Results of February 26 DCNR Visit: Roy Rieder and Gerry Sapers, chair of the Bike and Hike Committee, had a meeting with the DCNR Regional Advisor, Jeff Knowles. They

discussed last year's DCNR application and its scope. Jeff Knowles considered the project to be an excellent candidate and said he would check to see why, the township had received no grant. A few days later, he called to say that the section of the grant discussing regional needs and the manner in which the trail segment would fit into a regional plan needed to be strengthened and offered some suggestions. They also did a windshield tour of the Powerline Trail. Jeff Knowles thought it was a very good choice for a trail location, but he cautioned that construction grants are extremely competitive and that most of the funding goes to statewide and regional trail systems. He said that currently, Bucks County is placing emphasis on the Neshaminy Creek Trail from New Britain to Croydon. That project will probably take 20 years to complete. Warrington Township must have, at a minimum, a letter from PECO committing to grant a trail license agreement for a minimum of 25 years. If that letter is not available, then Warrington Township may not submit a grant application for construction funding.

- c. Mussari tract: The OSTF is to make arrangements to conduct a site visit to the Mussari tract, 1165 Timber Lane, and the Old Mill Farm Nursery, 854 Valley Road. The best time may be Friday mornings.

7. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes for January 8, 2014 were approved.

8. Posting of Minutes

- a. The minutes for February 12, 2014 were posted.

9. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

10. Next Meeting – April 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Roy W. Rieder, P.E.

Director of Planning and Special Projects